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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the title and replace it with the following:

DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING OPENING AND CLOSING OF A VEHICLE SLIDE DOOR

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete the first full paragraph and amend it with the following:

This application is the national stage of PCT/JP96/02864, filed October 2, 1996. a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/714,436, filed November 17, 2000, which is in turn a continuation of application U.S. Serial No. 09/051,053, filed March 31, 1998, which is the national stage of PCT/JP96/02964, filed October 2, 1996.